






# Roadrunner Report

Friday, October 10, 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well the first mont of the school year has come and gone. Wow, did that ever fly by quickly. As we move into the colder months, it becomes more important for your child to come to school dressed for the weather, as we do send students out during inclement weather (light rain, cold, wind, etc). Dressing in layers, a t-shirt, sweater, and jacket, helps to combat the wild temperature fluctuations from morning arrival to the afternoon dismissal. In addition, once the rain arrives, we will also be asking **everyone** (this includes parents and staff as well) to take their outside shoes off at the door. We don't want students who are walking to their classrooms or lockers in their socks to get wet feet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 - 31 FSA - Grades 4-7
- Oct. 9-10 Learn to Ride for Grades 4-5
- Oct. 13 Thanksgiving - School is Closed**
- Oct. 14-16 Kindergarten P-T conferencing
- Oct. 15 Blackwell Dairy - Grade 1s
- Oct. 16 Bus Safety Training - Kindergarten 
- Oct. 20 PAC Meeting @ 5:30pm 
- Oct. 21 Photo Re-Takes
- Oct. 24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)**
- Oct. 28 Earth Rangers Assembly @ 9am
- Oct. 31 Halloween 
- Nov. 6 Mug 'N' Muffin
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 11 **Remembrance Day - School is Closed**



## HALLOWEEN

Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costume Friday October 31st if he/she/they choose to do so. Please contact your child's teacher about their plans for the day and when they will expect their students to change back into their street clothes. We will have a primary parade starting after announcements on Friday, October 31, and parents are welcome to attend. Please remember the following guidelines when helping your child to choose a costume to wear to school:

- No masks
- No weapons (swords, guns, etc.)
- No ultra-violent or gory costumes/make-up (we don't want to frighten the younger students)



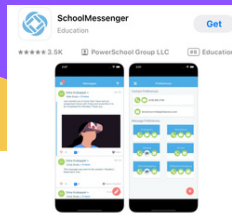
Also, keep in mind that it is still a school day, so super bulky costumes that do not allow your child to sit down are not the best choice. If your child does not want to wear a costume or you do not celebrate Halloween, your child is invited to wear black and orange that day if he/she/they like.

If you would like to send goodies for your child's class, you are welcome to do so, but please check with your child's teacher first. Also keep in mind that there are many food allergies at our school.



Another thing to monitor is how much candy is sent to school in your child's lunch in the days following Halloween, as too much sugar can be detrimental to your child's ability to self-regulate. If you could limit it to no more than 2 pieces, we would be very grateful. Of course, if they are Twix bars, then they can drop them off at the office for the Principal; they're her faovurite.

## SAFE ARRIVAL



A big thank you to the many of you who are using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app or phone number **1-844-350-2647** to report your child/ren's absences. For those of you who are new to the school, it is an app that can be downloaded to your cellphone and is easy to use. SD73 is asking that if you are reporting your child's absence as illness, to please designate the appropriate type of illness that applies to your child. Interior Health needs to keep track of any abnormalities in our attendance data, in the case that there is a health concern that our community needs to know about. If those options don't appear on the app, refresh the app on your phone

## SAFETY CONCERN

As you are probably aware, our school grounds are used by people in the community in the evenings when school is not in session. Some of these community members are using our ground to consume illicit substances, and they leave garbage and items behind that may have dangerous residue on them. Our custodian does regular sweeps of our school grounds to remove as much as possible; however, it is impossible to catch everything. Classroom teachers reviewed this safety concern with all students this week and students were told to notify an adult if they see any small ziplock bags or other garbage on the field or playgrounds and not touch these items. We also need your help to review this with your child/ren at home.

## PHOTO RETAKES

Photo Re-Takes will take place Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for any student or staff that was absent on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, or if you are not satisfied with the photo taken this day.

We are using a new photographer this year, Mountains West Studios. Your child was sent home with a slip of paper with the QR code to order your child's photo package. All photos should be uploaded to their site. If you have any questions, please visit their website:

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/photogrp/ahy-faq>

THANK  
YOU

## TERRY FOX RUN 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated money to our Toonie for Terry campaign to raise money for Cancer Research in Terry Fox's name. Thursday night we were short about \$100, but with the help from my parents, Mrs. Mcgovern, and Mrs. Selski, we were able to reach our goal of \$734. Pies were thrown on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, to the delight of the staff and students. Thank you to Mrs. Underwood who organized the run for us and for the teachers on the route who cheered the runners on their way by.



## PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

SD73 presents several sessions throughout the year to help parents set their children up for success. These sessions are held via Zoom for ease of access to everyone. There is also an excellent [Parent Resource Page](#), which houses previous sessions for you to access at any time. The next session

## PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have noticed that there are a few parents who are coming to school during the lunch hour to speak to check in on how their child/ren are doing and speaking to them while they are on the playground. While we appreciate that you want to make sure that your child/ren are having a good day, we ask that you refrain from doing this for a few important reasons:

1. We have a number of students with complicated families which can include protection orders. This is why we have all parents check in at the office in order to gain access to our students. This includes dropping off lunches and extra clothing for your child/ren
2. It can actually be disregulating for your child/ren if they see you when they are not expecting to. They are busy playing with their friends and having fun! If they are having a really bad day, we will call you! We promise!

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO REVIEW

Each year I am asked to share a couple of Administrative Procedures with my parent community, as they pertain to conduct on behalf of students and our community. Attached to this newsletter are the following APs for your review:

- [AP 350 – Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [AP 350.2 Dress Code](#)
- [AP 146 – Social Networking \(Employees and Parents\)](#)

In regards to AP 350, last year each school was asked to use the new provincial guidelines to create a school policy to address the use of student personal digital devices. Please look at the policy [here](#) and take some time to review these expectations with your child/ren at home.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Our Leadership Group will be planning some fun events and days to make our school year a little more enjoyable. Here is a list of days for you to put in your calendar to help with your family planning. We do our best to choose spirit days that can be accomplished with items you can find at home, so be creative and try not to buy anything extra. As always, it is only an invitation to participate, so if your child does not want to participate, that is OK.

**Friday Oct .31** - Halloween

**Friday Nov. 28** - Jersey Day

**Wednesday Feb. 25** - Pink Shirt Day

**Friday Mar. 13** - Anything But a Backpack Day

**Friday Apr. 24** - Twin Day

**Friday May 29** - Wacky Hair Day

**Tuesday June 16** - Wacky Hat Day

**Jan. 26-30 - Literacy Week**

**Monday** - Poem in Your Pocket

**Tuesday** - Reading ROcks so Wear Funky Socks

**Wednesday** - Wearing Words Day

**Thursday** - Dress as your Favourite Book Character Day

**Friday** - Cozy Pjs and Read



## VOLLEYBALL REFEREES NEEDED

Volleyball season is here and we have two teams who will be participating in the SD73 Volleyball League this year. While we have the coaching responsibilities covered, we are still looking for some help with refereeing games, so if you know of a High School student that might be interested in earning some pocket money, please let us know by contacting our volleyball coordinator Mrs. Underwood ASAP!! Email: [dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca)



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Dressing for the weather can be tricky for the first few months of school, as the mornings are a bit chilly, while the afternoons can be downright balmy. As the air temperature drops and the amount of precipitation increases, it becomes increasingly more important for your child/ren to come to school dressed for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us for recess and lunch hour. We will be sending students outside in inclement weather, so it is crucial that they are prepared with outside shoes/boots, a jacket, and, before you know it, mitts and a tuque. When it is raining, we ask everyone, staff, students and parents, to take their shoes/boots off at the door. It just takes one pair of wet shoes/boots to make the hallways slippery and dangerous. Also, no one likes to step in water in sock feet on their way to putting on his/her/their indoor shoes. **Please make sure to send a pair of indoor shoes to school with your child, if you haven't already done so.**



## VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Staff Parking lot and the drop-off Zone is an area that seems to always need mentioning for new and experienced parents alike. A reminder that **the parking lot is for staff only and should not be accessed by parents/guardians/caregivers during drop-off and pick-up times.** Please share this with any adults/caregivers that may be driving your child/ren to or from school. Anyone arriving to AE Perry by vehicle should be park on Lethbridge Street and use the stairs to access the school grounds.

**Cold and Flu Season** has already arrived, and the most effective way to keep everyone at school healthy and safe is to not send your child/ren to school if he/she/they are sick or feeling unwell. Here are some guidelines to follow when deciding when your child/ren should stay home:

- a fever, and keep them home for 24hours after the fever has gone away without medication
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode
- a severe sore throat
- a rash with no known cause
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms such as a runny now and headache
- redness, swelling, or discharge of the eyes, ears, or skin, unless treated
- acting unwell and has little energy to join in school activities



## LUNCH ORDERS FOR NOVEMBER

We are moving to a new process for Lunch Orders for November. Please keep your eyes open for an e-mail from Mrs. Macgovern in the coming days which will explain how to order meals for next month.

## CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Any adult wanting to volunteer in his/her/their child/ren's class, drive students to/from athletic events, supervise on field trips, or be alone with children other than their own for any reason, will need to complete a criminal records check.

This can be done easily online at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordscheck>. Use the code **6EWCGPQXWN**. It is free of charge.

Because it can take up to a couple of weeks for these checks to come back to us, if volunteering is something that you are interested in this year, I would recommend starting the process ASAP.

If you completed one last year, I don't believe that the system will allow you to complete another one quite yet. Please phone the office if you get some sort of error message in order to confirm that we have a Criminal Records Check for you on file.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - P.A.C

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their first meeting this upcoming **Monday, October 20 at 5:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend. Some of the upcoming PAC Events are:

Family Games Nights

- Friday, Nov. 14 3pm-4pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 28 6pm-7pm
- Tuesday, Feb. 17 6pm-7pm (Dodgeball in gym)
- Friday, Apr. 17 3pm-4pm

Fresh is Best Fundraiser

- Nov. 3-7

PAC Mug 'n' Muffin

- Monday, Dec. 8

PAC BBQ

- Friday, June 5

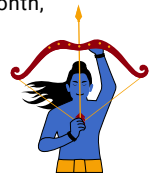
## SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

This year, as a school, we will be working on the 7 Grandfather Teachings outlined in the SD73 District Plan. The entire school will be participating in the same activity for that month's focus, and it will be highlighted on the morning announcements as well. Our first school-wide activity will be in November. We will start with COURAGE.



## DIVERSITY AND CULTURE CALENDAR - OCTOBER

- 1-31 German Heritage Month, Canadian Islamic History Month, Women's History Month, Latin American History Month, Foster Family Month, Community Inclusion Month, Learning Disability Awareness Month
- 1 Dussehra
- International Day of Older Persons
- 2 Yom Kippur
- 4 Sisters in Spirit Day
- National Day of Action to Honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- 5 World Teacher Day
- 6 World Habitat Day
- 6-13 Sukkot
- 6-12 National Family Week
- 11 Coming Out Day
- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day of the Girl
- 12 Youth Climate Action Day
- 13 Thanksgiving
- 15 Simchat Torah
- 17 International Day for the Education of Poverty
- 21 Diwali
- 24 International Day of Climate Action
- 24 World Development Information Day
- 26 Intersex Awareness Day



# TO ALL GR. 1 PARENTS AND CARE GIVERS



Come Read with Me

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

## HOW TO INCREASE READING MOTIVATION AND CONFIDENCE

Location: A.E. Perry Library

DATE: Wed. Oct. 22, 2025

TIME: 8:30 am

RVSP DATE: Mon. Oct. 20, 2025

### THIS IS HOW OUR MORNING TOGETHER WILL LOOK:

- 45 minutes: Parents learn ways to support their young reader at home
- 30 minutes: Parents and their child read and play word games together

### WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT THIS SESSION:

- "This workshop answered so many questions we had."
- "Great tactics and advice; reminder that confidence is key."
- "Very helpful! Makes reading together fun."



Participants will receive a free package with a book, word games and word cards!

PLEASE RETURN THIS PART TO THE SCHOOL

I WILL BE THERE! MY NAME IS	
MY GR. 1 CHILD'S NAME IS	
TEACHERS NAME	

We highly encourage a parent to attend. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to send another caregiver (grandparent, aunt, uncle) in your place, so that your child will have someone to read with.



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## SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS (SWIS)

The SWIS program supports newcomer school-age students across School District 73 as they transition into the Canadian school system.

SWIS assists newcomers with the following:

- School registration and orientation for elementary and secondary students across School District 73  
Understanding school policies and procedures
- Communicating with teachers and administrators  
Parent-teacher interview support
- Access to interpretation and translation services  
Referrals to community services and resources,
- including extracurricular activities  
Consultation on school transitions
- Mentoring and tutoring services
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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) SUPPORT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 73

## Grade Placement and Curriculum

- Students are placed in grades based on their birth year.
- Classroom learning follows the BC Ministry of Education curriculum guide.
- Schools are noncompetitive; all levels and abilities are supported.

## Learning Updates and Summaries

- Updates (reports) are provided for all students at the end of each term.
- Proficiency scales are used from Kindergarten to Grade 9.
- Letter grades and percentages are used in Grades 10-12.

## English Language Learner Services

- Support is provided for students of other languages to acquire English proficiency.
- Students connect with peers and participate in language development activities.
- Cultural and language diversity is encouraged and celebrated.

# Empowerment Through Support

## Youth Day Treatment

**Tuesday & Thursday**

**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

235 Lansdowne St.



### Week 1

The Bigger Picture of Substance Use: Introduction to Boundaries, emotions & Safety.

Presenters: City of Kamloops & BGCK on Human Trafficking and Internet Safety

### Week 2

Harm Reduction: Identity, Adolescent Development & SMART recovery.

Friday: Pumpkin Carving at Garden Gate

### Week 3

Safety First & Stigma: Mindfulness, Substance Safety & Post-Acute Withdrawal Syndrome (PAWS).

Presenters: KSAC on Consent and Healthy Boundaries.

Friday: Mountain Biking

### Week 4

Drugs: Stimulant Substances, DBT DEARMAN Skills & Youth Resiliency.

Presenters: Interior Health on Overdose Prevention and Naloxone.

Friday: Horseback Riding

### Week 5

Cognitive, Social & Emotional Competence: Thoughts, Feelings & Actions.

Friday: Connection through Movement at Riverside Park.

### Week 6

Social Connections: Belonging, Purpose & Social Awareness.

Friday: Indigenous Ways of Knowing in The Land

### Week 7

Health and Wellness: Problem Solving, Decision Making & Discharge Planning.

Friday: Blazers Game

Starting October 21 to December 5, youth ages 14-20 who face substance use challenges, can access a youth day treatment that seeks to strengthen wellness through education, practice, fun activities, and connecting with others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ACCESS AT 250.377.6500 OR EMAIL VIRGINIA.KLAMMER-VALENZUELAD@INTERIORHEALTH.CA

